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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Docket Number (Optional)

3961-040483

Application Number 10/521,897

Filed January 18, 2005

For COUPLING APPARATUS

Art Unit 3679

Examiner Michael P. Ferguson

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

| | Fee | Small Entity Fee | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) | \$120 | \$60 | \$ |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) | \$1020 | \$510 | \$ 510 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) | \$1590 | \$795 | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) | \$2160 | \$1080 | \$ |

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.

☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 23-0650. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

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I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 43,016

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.
Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34


Signature

May 21, 2007
Date

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NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

☒ Total of 1 forms are submitted.

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Application No.: 10/521,897 Filing Date: January 18, 2005
Examiner: Michael P. Ferguson Group Art Unit: 3679
Invention: COUPLING APPARATUS

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity Status is/has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | No. of Claims After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Small Entity Rate | Non-Small Entity Rate | Charge |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total | <u>20</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>0</u> | x \$ 25.00 | x \$ 50.00 | \$ <u> </u> |
| Indep. | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>0</u> | x \$100.00 | x \$200.00 | \$ <u> </u> |
| First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim/s | | | | + \$180.00 | + \$360.00 | \$ <u> </u> |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE | | | | | | \$ <u> -0-</u> |

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed to cover the additional fee.
☒ A check in the amount of \$ 510 is enclosed for a 3 -month Petition for Extension of time.
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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